

May 20, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman
Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman
Gregory Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer
Windell Curole

Jake Giardina
Francis Richard
Ron Animashaun

Absent: Larry Dugas

Also present were: Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Jimmy Ledet, T. Baker Smith; Henry Templet
Joel Tillery, CH2MHill; Mike Boudreaux; Jerry Waguespack; Nick Porto
Robert Thibodaux; Robert Mire; Bobby Acosta
Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant

Jimmy Ledet, T. Baker Smith, stated that they had a wonderful meet and greets supper here at the District the other night with the District folks, and the T. Baker Smith design team.

Mr. Ledet gave a brief update on the Study and Report Phase of the Bayou Lafourche, Phase 2 Dredge Project as follows:

- They have the hard disk information that came from the State through CH2MHill. There are eighty-six gigabytes of information from Phase 1 which they have been weeding through.
- The two alternatives to be dredged may be either near the end of the Phase 1 project near the Highway 998 Bridge in Belle Rose, or a section approximately nine miles in length beginning at Highway 1247 in Labadieville and ending at the weir in Thibodaux.
- They have begun evaluating the HEC-RAS modeling previously done, as the first step towards achieving the greatest hydraulic improvement in compliance with the Final Phase 2 Design Report.
- Discussed briefly the new requirements in place now with the new coastal zone regarding spoil disposal. Clay Breaux will be handling the permitting side of the project.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of April 15, 2013 and April 29, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve the accounts payable for April. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Windell Curole, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the finance report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Malbrough advised that he sent to the Board the pumping summary for last month. He stated that the harvesters will be going back in the bayou in the next week or so. The grass is beginning to grow again.

Moved by Commissioner Windell Curole, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the permit application for Williams Properties, LLC to install pile clusters, dredging, and pier along Bayou Lafourche in Larose, LA to provide mooring of vessels. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Windell Curole, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the permit application for Castex Energy, Inc. to install two 6" flowlines under the bayou to serve the Castex Energy, Inc. located 3.78 miles southeasterly of Golden Meadow, LA. The minimum depth is 15ft. below the mudline. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Ron Animashaun and unanimously approved to ratify the Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to effect the preparation of the Pre-Application and Application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for funding assistance of a flood control project in an effort to secure state funds to address the flooding issues in Donaldsonville. RESOLUTION ATTACHED

Moved by Commissioner Ron Animashaun, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously approved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into and sign, on behalf of the BLFWD, the "Cooperative Endeavor Agreement" between the BLFWD and Lafourche Parish Government regarding the Bayou Lafourche Saltwater Control Structure, and to enter into and sign, on behalf of the BLFWD, the "Act of Donation" whereby the BLFWD is donating a steel barge and other equipment to the Lafourche Parish Government in order to carry out its obligation under the "Cooperative Endeavor Agreement." RESOLUTION ATTACHED

Mr. Malbrough reported on the following:

- The contractor for the Union Pacific Railroad showed up this morning to begin cleaning out the culverts, and they finished cleaning out both of the pipe culverts today. They will begin working on the box culvert tomorrow. The project should be completed by the end of the week.
- The surveyor is finished doing the survey of the sediment trap and is processing the data. Ben stated that we will have to move forward with this.
- There will be a pump rehab project pre-construction meeting in Thibodaux on Thursday. .
- Mr. Malbrough stated that per Windell's request he contacted Mr. Steve Landry who designed and fabricated a shredder machine. The machine is Franklin right now. Mr. Malbrough stated that we can set up a meeting to see the machine if any of the Board is interested.

Mr. Joel Tillery, CH2MHill, advised the actual pump rehab project construction should start around August or September. The site will be mobilized where the generator will go. The contractor will get their official schedule this Thursday.

Chairman Hugh Caffery advised that since we met last we had a vote in Terrebonne Parish, which means this party is going to get bigger by four. A discussion was held regarding expanding the Board seating area to accommodate the four new members from Terrebonne Parish.

Mr. Robert Thibodaux commented on the new spoil disposal requirements that were mentioned earlier in the meeting. He asked if the State will pick up the cost to dispose of the spoil if it has to go to a further location to haul it off. Commissioner Windell Curole stated that he does not feel that the State will cause us a problem with this issue because we are a state agency. We are doing a project that is good for drinking water, and is also environmentally a beneficial one.

Chairman Caffery stated to Mr. Thibodaux that we will definitely fight hard on this issue in order to not have any extra cost.

Mr. Henry Templet stated that the grass is growing really bad. He stated that Ben had sent someone to chop near their dock a few weeks ago which really helped. He advised that now the whole bayou in general is growing. Mr. Malbrough advised that the harvesters will be going out either the end of this week or beginning of next week to start cutting again.

Chairman Caffery thanked the bayou crew members for attending the meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard and unanimously approved to go into executive session at 5:55 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Windell Curole and unanimously approved to return to regular session at 6:38 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Windell Curole and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer